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MEMORANDUM TO: []

SUBJECT: Conversation with Colonel William McLean.

1. While in New York over the holidays I had an informal talk with Colonel McLean who was in the United States on a wedding trip. As you will recall, he has been called in at various times by the British Service in connection with the Pixie Committee negotiations. We talked about Pixieland only very little, and he appeared not to be particularly concerned about events there. He emphasized to me that he was here on a private trip only and did not wish any misunderstanding to rise between himself and [] as to the nature of his trip or his conversation with me.

2. He plans to stand for Parliament on the Conservative ticket in the forthcoming general elections and is apparently devoting most of his time to campaigning. He is also actively concerned with the European Movement; the Duncan Sandys Organization. He stated in passing that Sandys would probably leave the organization as he too intended to stand for Parliament.

3. Most of the discussion centered about Sinkiang. McLean said that he had spent a full year in Kashgar for SOE at the end of the war. He had apparently been sent there on a short term reconnaissance and had been caught in the revolution which prevented his leaving the area. He spoke very enthusiastically about the Pan-Turanian Movement and believed that successful operations could be conducted through Pakistan into Sinkiang and ultimately into Northwest China. He referred in passing to the interest of the Turks in supporting such a movement and indicated that the British were in touch with some of the leaders of this movement.

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